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 For: **Holder for an Electronic Device**  
 Inventor: Mitchell Schlansky  
 Our Ref: 2195.0010000/TGD/DRB

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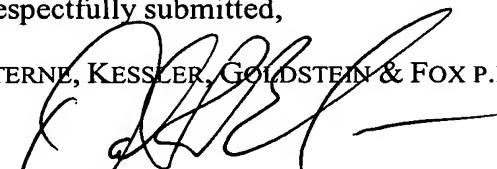
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